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Sen. Dodd's View Of Ghana: Red

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Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, D., Conn., said Sunday evidence strongly suggests Ghana "has become the first Soviet satellite in Africa." The State Department challenged this conclusion.

The Ghanaian Embassy said the charge "is baseless and a travesty of the truth." It contended any objective study "will conclusively prove that Ghana is not in any way a satellite of any country . . . nor is it in any sense Communist-oriented."

The embassy added it "is shocked that a responsible body of the U. S. Congress could give credence to fabricated lies and distortions against a friendly country."

Sen. Dodd said in his statement, "the lessons of Cuba and Guatemala, and now of Ghana, should drive home the fact that Communists do not always announce themselves as Communists."

The Senator, acting as vice-chairman of the Senate Internal Security subcommittee, questioned U. S. financing of the Volta dam project in the West African country.

His statement was issued as the introduction to a transcript of seven-month-old hearings.

Dr. Kofi A. Busia, a Ghanaian opposition leader in exile, was the only witness at the subcommittee hearings in New York last Dec. 3. Sen. Dodd was the only Senator there.

"The testimony and documentation presented here and the evidence of recent weeks," Sen. Dodd said, "strongly suggests that Kwame Nkrumah's Ghana has become the first Soviet satellite in Africa . . . as China is the first Soviet satellite in the Americas."

The State Department statement said in part: "In our judgment in-

formation available does not support the suggestion that Ghana has become a Soviet satellite. In international affairs, the government of Ghana follows a policy which it describes as one of positive neutralism and in furtherance of this policy has established relations with both Western and East bloc countries.

"Ghana has not aligned itself with either grouping.

"Ghana has a long history of close association with the West and there exists a basic good will among the Ghanaian people for the United States and the West in general.

"The major portion of U. S. aid to Ghana is in the form of loans to assist in the construction of the Volta River dam and to support the construction of an aluminum smelter by private American capital.

"The Volta River project which is based on a diversified investment of Ghanaian, British, American, and international capital is in the interest of all investors and of major importance to the economic development of Ghana. United States government participation in the Volta River project consists of \$37 million in loans over a five-year period."

In his statement, Sen. Dodd said: "The United States only last year committed itself to finance the gigantic Volta River project to the tune of \$133 million.

"In granting this assistance to Ghana," he went on, "Congress and the American people have been led to believe that (President Kwame) Nkrumah, although he frequently sides with Moscow, is not a Moscow Communist state. That Ghana is not a Communist state.

"Castro's Cuba," he said, "it carries on a propaganda campaign that would use the resources of a major country.